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1. SUMMARY

-- U.S. COVERAGE CONTINUES LIGHT WITH A FAVORABLE ARTICLE ON THE CRANSTON-BAKER RESOLUTION AND A REPORT OF THE SALT MEETING IN GENEVA. BUT A REVIEW OF A NEW VOLUME OF WORLD WAR 11 HISTORY REBUKES THE U.S. AND THE WEST FOR DELINQUENCIES;

-- THE SOVIET ARMY NEWSPAPER BLASTS A SPEECH IN NORWAY ALLEGEDLY STRENGTHENING THATT COUNTRY'S PRO-NATO VOICES, AND SEES A NEW U.S. - GREEK AGREEMENT COMING UP;

-- MIDDLE EAST COVERAGE (SEPTEL) IS MORE FAVORABLE THAN RECENTLY TO SYRIAN MEDIATION EFFORTS IN LEBANON;

-- PRAVDA REPORTS JAPAN'S REGRET AT THE U.S. BILL EXTENDING FISHING JURISDICTION;

--THE SOVIET-CUBAN ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT FOR 1976-80 WAS SIGNED (SEPTEL);

-- KOSYGIN SENT CONGRATULATIONS TO HUA KUO-FENG ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS PRC PREMIER (SEPTEL);

-- AND THE MEDIA TODAY FEATURE THE OFFICIAL SLOGANS FOR MAY DAY (SEPTEL). END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS ITEM FROM WASHINGTON REPORTING THAT THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE CRANSTON-BAKER RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
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NORMALIZATION OF U.S. - SOVIET RELATIONS. TASS SAYS THAT THE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR EFFORTS TO PREVENT LOCAL CONFLICTS FROM LEADING TO WIDER WAR AND FOR A RAPID CONCLUSION TO SALT. JUST BELOW PRAVDA CARRIES A BRIEF ITEM REPORTING THE REGULAR SALT MEETING IN GENEVA. IN A MINOR CURIOSITY, AMBASSADOR STOESSEL'S CALL ON GROMYKO ON MONDAY, APRIL 12, HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED, BUT PRAVDA REPORTS FRENCH AMBASSADOR

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VIMONT'S CALL ON GROMYKO YESTERDAY. ONE SHARPLY NEGATIVE ITEM IS A REVIEW IN THE ARMY NEWSPAPER, KRASNAYA ZVEZDA, OF THE SIXTH VOLUME OF THE OFFICIAL SOVIET HISTORY OF WORLD WAR 11 COVERING LATE 1942 AND EARLY 1943. THE REVIEWER MENTIONS SOME ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, BUT IS OTHERWISE VERY HARD ON THE U.S. AND THE WESTERN ALLIES FOR NOT OPENING THE WESTERN FRONT SOONER AND FOR OTHER DELINQUENCIES.

3. NATO. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA (KZ) ALSO DENOUNCES A SPEECH IN NORWAY BY RETIRED UK GENERAL WALKER ON NORWAY'S NEED TO STRENGTHEN ITS DEFENSES AGAINST THE "SOVIET THREAT" AND TO STRENGTHEN NATO. THE ARTICLE CHARGES THAT SUCH SENTIMENTS SERVE THE INTEREST OF THE PRO-NATO HAWKS IN NORWAY. KZ ALSO REPORTS THAT GREECE EXPECTS TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. SIMILAR TO THE ONE THE U.S. RECENTLY SIGNED WITH TURKEY.

4. JAPAN. PRAVDA CARRIES A SHORT ITEM FROM TASS IN TOKYO THAT JAPAN HAS EXPRESSED "EXTREME REGRETS" OVER THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNING OF THE BILL TO EXTEND U.S. FISHERIES JURISDICTION TO 200 MILES. THE ITEM CITES THE JAPANESE STATEMENT THAT NO COUNTRY SHOULD UNILATERALLY STAKE OUT A CLAIM TO A 200 MILE ZONE BEFORE THE LOS CONFERENCE REACHES A DECISION.

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